

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20, 22, 24, 26-29, 32 and 33 are presently pending in this application, Claims 18, 20, 24 and 26 having been amended and Claims 21, 23, 25, 30, 31 and 34-36 having been canceled by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 21, 23, 25, 30, 31 and 34-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. However, Claims 1-20, 22, 24, 26-29, 32 and 33 were indicated as allowed.

First, Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 1-20, 22, 24, 26-29, 32 and 33 have been allowed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 18, 20, 24 and 26 be amended to solely correct antecedent bases and that Claims 21, 23, 25, 30, 31 and 34-36 be canceled without prejudice.

In light of the prior indication of allowable subject matter and in view of the amendments presented above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. If, however, the Examiner disagrees with any of the amendments presented above, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned who will be happy to work in a joint effort to derive a mutually agreeable solution and expedite the prosecution of this application. Applicants respectfully request an early and favorable action.

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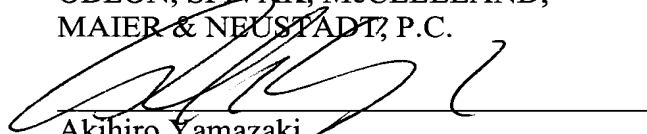
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